

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

HB 1004 # 12

DIGEST

Proposed amendment to HB 1004. Prekindergarten study commission. Establishes the prekindergarten and early learning study commission.

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services.
- 3 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 4 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **As used in this**
- 5 **SECTION, "commission" refers to the prekindergarten and early**
- 6 **learning study commission established by subsection (b).**
- 7 (b) **The prekindergarten and early learning study commission**
- 8 **is established.**
- 9 (c) **The legislative council established by IC 2-5-1.1-1 shall**
- 10 **determine the number of members to appoint to the commission.**
- 11 **The members of the commission may consist of legislators and lay**
- 12 **members. The legislative council shall specify the number of**
- 13 **legislative members and lay members. The lay members must have**
- 14 **expertise in the area of education, business, childhood**
- 15 **development, or social services.**
- 16 (d) **The chairman of the legislative council shall appoint the**
- 17 **chairperson of the commission. The vice chairman of the legislative**
- 18 **council shall appoint a member of the commission to serve as vice**
- 19 **chairperson of the commission. The chairman and vice chairman**
- 20 **of the legislative council each shall appoint one-half (1/2) of the**
- 21 **remaining members of the commission. If there is an odd number**
- 22 **of members of the commission, the chairman of the legislative**
- 23 **council appoints one (1) more member than the vice chairman of**
- 24 **the legislative council.**
- 25 (e) **If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the legislative council**
- 26 **shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.**
- 27 (f) **The commission shall do the following:**

1 (1) Study the feasibility of obtaining a block grant and
2 necessary waivers under the federal Head Start program
3 under 42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq. to establish an early learning
4 scholarship program or another type of alternative program.

5 (2) Study the feasibility of obtaining a Child Care and
6 Development Block Grant under 42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq. or
7 other federal funds to fund prekindergarten or early learning
8 education programs in Indiana.

9 (3) Study options for funding prekindergarten or early
10 learning programs, including opportunities to partner with
11 businesses, philanthropic, or community leaders.

12 (4) Review whether other states have developed rigorous
13 accountability standards for prekindergarten or early
14 learning programs.

15 (5) Study parental involvement opportunities to prepare
16 children for education outside the educational environment,
17 including the benefits of reading to a child.

18 (6) Study opportunities to equip parents with skills necessary
19 to improve the parent's ability to contribute to their child's
20 early education.

21 (7) Study the economic benefits of prekindergarten or early
22 learning programs.

23 (8) Study the appropriate state agency or entity to oversee and
24 develop early learning accountability standards.

25 (9) Determine the appropriate income standard to use to
26 determine whether a parent is eligible to receive assistance
27 from the state for prekindergarten or early learning
28 programs.

29 (10) Study opportunities to partner with an investment group
30 or entity to establish an investment fund or vehicle to finance
31 early education in Indiana.

32 (g) The commission shall submit a final report of the results of
33 its study and any recommendations to the legislative council before
34 November 1, 2014. The report must be in an electronic format
35 under IC 5-14-6.

36 (h) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to
37 the commission.

38 (i) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members
39 appointed to the commission are required for the commission to
40 take action on any measure, including a final report.

1 **(j) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this SECTION,**
2 **the commission shall operate under the rules of the legislative**
3 **council.**

4 **(k) This SECTION expires January 1, 2015.**

5 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

(Reference is to HB 1004 Printer's Error as reprinted January 14,
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